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Raised House Bill No. 5308 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD IN CONTROL OF THE CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding Raised House Bill No. 5308 – An Act Concerning the Board in Control of The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station.

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, founded in 1875, is the nation's oldest agricultural experiment station. Governed by a Board of Control since 1877, this agency has been fortunate in having many dedicated Board members. I support the modifications proposed in Raised House Bill No. 5308. They would improve CT General Statute Sec. 22-80.

There is a need to consider illnesses, family emergencies, sabbatical leaves for Board scientists, and other legitimate reasons for a person's absence at quarterly Board meetings. Moreover, allowing for a vice-president to be elected to the Board would add a senior officer and give this person the authority along with the president to excuse absences.

I hope that you will provide the support in implementing the revised statutory language. Please contact me should you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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